

Appl. No. 10/644,111
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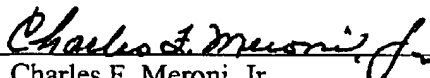
REMARKS

In the Office Action Summary, the U.S. Patent Examiner has indicated that Claim Nos. 1 – 8 and 21 – 34 are pending in the application. Claim Nos. 1 – 8, 21 – 24, and 26 – 34 have been allowed and Claim No. 25 stands rejected. The U.S. Patent Examiner has made no statement regarding either the Specification or the Drawings filed on 20 August 2003.

With regard to the Detailed Action, the U.S. Patent Examiner has indicated his reasons for rejecting Claim No. 25. Applicant has elected to cancel the rejected claim in order to place the application into immediate condition for allowance, and such action is kindly requested. If, after a review of this Amendment, issues remain which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the U.S. Patent Examiner is cordially invited to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney. If attempts to reach the undersigned attorney are not successful, please be advised that Christopher J. Scott, Registration No. 48,647, may also be contacted with regard to this matter. Mr. Scott has been in regular communication with the undersigned regarding the Office Action and this Amendment. Further, Mr. Scott is listed under our Firm's Customer Number with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, namely, Customer Number 30114, and thus may be deemed a proper representative of Applicants.

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